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TO : **All Shipowners/ Bareboat Charterers/ Ship Operators/ Ship Managers/ Shipmasters, Officers and Crew of Philippine-Registered Overseas Ships, Licensed Manning Agencies, Recognized Organizations, and Concerned Government Agencies**

SUBJECT : **INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) CIRCULAR AS OF 31 JULY 2026**

Notice is hereby given on the following attached Circulars relating to International Maritime Organization (IMO) Instruments published as of 31 July 2026:

IMO ISSUANCE	SUBJECT / TITLE
Exemptions Granted from the Provisions of the IMDG CODE	
CCC.1/Circ.7/Rev.1 16 July 2026	REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING THE LOSS OF CONTAINERS TO THE ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO SOLAS REGULATIONS V/31 AND V/32 AND TEMPLATES FOR USE BY MASTERS WHEN REPORTING LOSS OR OBSERVATION OF DRIFTING FREIGHT CONTAINER(S) TO COASTAL AND FLAG STATES
International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution, 1971 — status and related communications	
PROTOCOL OF 2003 TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1992	
IFC.7/Circ.25 30 July 2026	Extension by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Cayman Islands
Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (London Protocol 1996)	
1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972	
LC-LP.2/Circ.40 30 July 2026	Arrangement on the Export of Wastes or Other Matter under Article 6 of the London Protocol Notification by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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Maritime Environment Protection Committee	
Circular relating to general information disseminated by the Maritime Environment Protection Committee on pollution matters	
MEPC.1/Circ.924 15 July 2026	TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON CO-OPTIMIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND UNDERWATER RADIATED NOISE AT THE DESIGN AND RETROFIT STAGE
MEPC.1/Circ.923 10 July 2026	IMPLEMENTATION OF FISHING GEAR MARKING SYSTEMS
MEPC.1/Circ.926 03 July 2026	LIST OF DEFAULT EMISSION FACTORS
Maritime Safety Committee	
Circular relating to general information disseminated by the Maritime Safety Committee on safety matters	
MSC.1/Circ.1205/Rev.2 31 July 2026	REVISED GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUALS FOR LIFEBOAT SYSTEMS
MSC.1/Circ.1399/Rev.1 31 July 2026	GUIDELINES ON PROCEDURES FOR IN-SERVICE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF COATING SYSTEMS FOR CARGO OIL TANKS OF CRUDE OIL TANKERS
MSC.1/Circ.1574/Rev.1 31 July 2026	REVISED INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF FIBRE-REINFORCED PLASTIC (FRP) ELEMENTS WITHIN SHIP STRUCTURES: FIRE SAFETY
MSC.1/Circ.1369/Rev.1 31 July 2026	EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR SAFE RETURN TO PORT AND ORDERLY EVACUATION AND ABANDONMENT AFTER A FIRE OR FLOODING CASUALTY
MSC.1/Circ.1630/Rev.4 31 July 2026	REVISED STANDARDIZED LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCE EVALUATION AND TEST REPORT FORMS (SURVIVAL CRAFT)
MSC.1/Circ.1700 31 July 2026	GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF REMOTE INSPECTION TECHNIQUES FOR ESP CODE SURVEYS
MSC.1/Circ.1529/Rev.1 28 July 2026	UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF PARAGRAPHS 4.4.7.6 AND 4.7.7 OF THE LSA CODE, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTIONS MSC.320(89) AND MSC.589(111), RESPECTIVELY

MSC.1/Circ.1588/Rev.4 22 July 2026	CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG) CODE REVISED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES FOR SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS GOODS (EMS GUIDE)
MSC.1/Circ.1689/Rev.1 21 July 2026	ESCAPE ARRANGEMENTS FROM THE LOWER PART OF MACHINERY SPACES (SOLAS Regulations II-2/13.4.1 and 13.4.2)
MSC.1/Circ.797/Rev.43 20 July 2026	TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING List of competent persons maintained by the Secretary-General pursuant to section A-I/7 of the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code
MSC.1/Circ.1163/Rev.14 20 July 2026	INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978 Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which demonstrates that full and complete effect is given to the relevant provisions of the Convention
MSC.1/Circ.1164/Rev.31 20 July 2026	INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978 Promulgation of information related to reports of independent evaluation submitted by Parties to the 1978 STCW Convention confirmed by the Maritime Safety Committee to have communicated information which demonstrates that Parties are giving full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the Convention
MSC.1/Circ.1702 20 July 2026	INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR USE OF AMMONIA CARGO AS FUEL
MSC.1/Circ.1657/Rev.1 17 July 2026	PROCEDURE FOR RESPONDING TO DSC DISTRESS ALERTS BY SHIPS
MSC.1/Circ.1698 17 July 2026	GUIDANCE ON TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS AFFECTED BY THE SITUATION IN THE ARABIAN SEA, THE SEA OF OMAN AND THE GULF REGION, PARTICULARLY IN AND AROUND THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ

MSC.1/Circ.1705 17 July 2026	GUIDELINES ON CARRIAGE AND USE OF ELECTRONIC NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS (ENP) SYSTEM
MSC.1/Circ.1704 17 July 2026	GUIDELINES FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE OF SHIPBOARD COMPUTER-BASED NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS
MSC.1/Circ.1701 08 July 2026	INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFETY OF SHIPS USING HYDROGEN AS FUEL
MSC.1/Circ.1703 07 July 2026	UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF THE IGC CODE AND THE 1983 IGC CODE
MSC.1/Circ.1578/Rev.1 06 July 2026	REVISED GUIDELINES ON SAFETY DURING ABANDON SHIP DRILLS USING LIFEBOATS
Circulars of common interest to the MSC and MEPC	
General Matters	
MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.15/Rev.3 21 July 2026	GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, REVIEW AND VALIDATION OF MODEL COURSES
Survey and Certification - Related Matters	
MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.3/Rev.1 07 July 2026	REVISED UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY AND VERIFICATION ON WHICH THE CERTIFICATES ARE BASED
MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.17 07 July 2026	GUIDANCE ON ASSESSMENTS AND APPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SURVEYS, ISM CODE AUDITS AND ISPS CODE VERIFICATIONS
Hazard Evaluation of Substances Transported by ships	
PPR.1/Circ.10/Rev.1 09 July 2026	RESUBMISSION OF PRODUCTS LISTED IN LISTS 2 AND 3 OF THE MEPC.2 CIRCULAR ON PROVISIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARPOL ANNEX II AND THE IBC CODE
International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979 — status and related communications	
Circular relating to International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979 — List of IMO documents and publications which should be held by a Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC)	

SAR.7/Circ.17 13 July 2026	LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE HELD BY A MARITIME OR JOINT RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE
Safety of Navigation	
SN.1/Circ.346 17 July 2026	ROUTEING MEASURES OTHER THAN TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES
International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 – Training and implementation	
Circular relating to International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 — Equivalent arrangements and other STCW communications	
STCW.2/Circ.149 20 July 2026	Communication received from the Government of Spain
STCW.2/Circ.148 03 July 2026	Communication received from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Circular relating to 1991 amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 — Information received under Regulation I/5 of the 1991 amendments	
STCW.7/Circ.27 20 July 2026	INTERIM GUIDELINES ON TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS ON SHIPS USING AMMONIA AS FUEL
STCW.7/Circ.26 06 July 2026	INTERIM GUIDELINES ON TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS ON SHIPS USING METHYL/ETHYL ALCOHOL AS FUEL
Technical Co-Operation Committee on training and assistance	
TC.1/Circ.77/Rev.1 29 July 2026	ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE
TC.1/Circ.79 24 July 2026	CAPACITY-DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

A copy of the IMO issuances may be viewed at or downloaded from https://marina.gov.ph/marina-advisory-flag-state-administration-advisory/.

Attention is therefore invited for all Philippine overseas shipping companies, shipowners, and other concerned maritime entities to observe any action/s you may deem appropriate.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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